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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of German Document Nos. DE 698 02 109, DE 100 60 649, and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,282,473 to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

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DOCUMENTS**

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of German Patent Document Nos. DE 100 60 649.0 and DE 199 25 877 are submitted herewith.

German Patent Document No. DE 101 54 231 relates to a proof unit for allocation of motor vehicle seat by a passenger and thereby equipped motor vehicle seat.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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